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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the appeal brief filed Nov. 27, 2001.

(1) *Real Party in Interest*

A statement identifying the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) *Related Appeals and Interferences*

A statement identifying the related appeals and interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal is contained in the brief.

(3) *Status of Claims*

The statement of the status of the claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) *Status of Amendments After Final*

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

(5) *Summary of Invention*

The summary of invention contained in the brief is correct.

(6) *Issues*

The appellant's statement of the issues in the brief is correct.

(7) *Grouping of Claims*

Appellant's brief includes a statement that claims 23-40 do not stand or fall together and provides reasons as set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) and (c)(8).

(8) *Claims Appealed*

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

(9) *Prior Art of Record*

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(10) Grounds of Rejection

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

Claims 23-40 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. This rejection is set forth in prior Office Action, Paper No. 11.

(11) Response to Argument

In response to applicant's argument that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e. steps of identifying a DC component, controlling the operation mode ...etc.) were not recited in the parent application, and these features have been added as new subject matters (on Pre-amendment page 2-4) in new case as **Continuation-in-Part** filed on July 17, 1998. Furthermore the cited portion of the specification do not deal with DC offset correction, and thus, the claims are merely entitled to the July 17, 1998 filing date.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

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